

ITHEL RICHARD ADLARD BIOGRAPHICAL DATA FORM

A gentle, soft-spoken man with a vital interest in the preservation of the Columbia River Gorge, Dick Adlard, of Stevenson, came to the Gorge in 1961 as a County Extension Agent for Skamania County. He was instrumental in forming the Skamania County Park Board and was active with youth in the 4-H program. One of Dick's greatest joys was his establishment of the popular Short Course on the Columbia, an educational program that discussed the many facets of the Columbia River Gorge. This course was instrumental in Dick being honored with a distinguished service award at the National Association of County Extension Agents meeting in Richmond, Virginia, in 1976. Among many other involvements, Dick brought his visionary style to the Columbia River Gorge Commission in a 1978 appointment and served on that Commission until the National Scenic Act was passed in 1986.

Name: Ithel Richard (Dick) Adlard

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Place of Business: Retired, Washington State University, Extension Agent

Date and Place of Birth: October 14, 1915, Thirty Mile Creek, 14 miles from Condon, Oregon.

Mother's Name: Elizabeth Ann Bures

Date and Place of Birth: February 14, 1879, Cashville, California

Death: May 22, 1936, Salem, Oregon

Ethnic Heritage: Pennsylvania Dutch

Father's Name: Walter Roy Adlard

Date and Place of Birth: March 24, 1879, Corvallis, Oregon

Death: June 28, 1964, Salem, Oregon

Ethnic Heritage: English

Sibling's Names: John Rolland Adlard — b. January 15, 1911
Tabitha Catherine (Katherine Tabitha) Adlard — b. Dec. 23, 1912.

Spouse's Name: Evelyn Claire Gravett

Spouse's Occupation: Secretary, Entomology Department; Housewife

Spouse's Date Born: March 7, 1917

Spouse's Place of Birth: St. Paul, Minnesota

Marriage Date and Place: December 29, 1946, Corvallis, Oregon

Children's Names: Steven Richard Adlard: b. Nov. 26, 1953, Longview, WA.
Bruce William Adlard: b. March 29, 1957, Longview, WA.
Steve: b. January 6, 1948

Church Membership: Episcopalian

Schooling: Highland School, North Salem, OR., 1934; Ling Nam University, Canton, China, 1938; University of Philippines, 1937; Army Schools, Cook and Baker's Training, Ft. Knox, KY.; Jui-Jitsu, Ft. Lewis, WA; Japanese Language School, Ft. Ord, CA.; Oregon State University, Corvallis, Graduated 1946; Graduate Studies, Washington State University and University of Wisconsin.

Residential History: Condon, Oregon, 1915-22; Salem, Oregon, 1922-35; Ling Nam University, Canton, China and University of Philippines, 1937-38; European Theater Operations, 1941-46; Corvallis, Oregon, 1946; Echo, Oregon, 1947-48; Mt. Vernon, Washington, 1949; Renton, Washington, 1950; Pullman, Washington, 1951-53; Kelso, Washington, 1954-61; Stevenson, Washington, 1961-present.

Occupational History: Managed Certified Creeping Alfalfa farm, Ocho, Or., 1947-48; farm planner for USDA Soil Conservation Service at Mt. Vernon, Wa., 1949; farm planner for King County Soil Conservation District, Renton, Wa., 1950; field testing for

Soil Conservation Service, Pullman, Wa., 1951-53; County Agent with Washington State University Extension Service working in Lewis and Clark Counties; Washington State University Extension Agent serving in Skamania County, 1961-1977.

Memberships in Clubs
and Organizations:

President, OSU Agronomy Club
Member, Kiwanis, Mt. Vernon
Vestryman, Episcopal Church, Pullman, Washington
YMCA Board Member, Longview, Washington
Member, Lions Club, Stevenson, Washington
P.T.A. President, Stevenson, Washington
Regional Planning Commission member, Skamania County

Columbia Gorge
Activities:

Appointed to Washington Columbia Gorge Commission April 12, 1979; Re-appointed January 1, 1981, January 1, 1987; Advisory Board dissolved when area became National Scenic Area November 17, 1986.

BACKGROUND OF AND AWARDS TO ITHEL RICHARD ADLARD

- 1937-38 Phi Kappa Phi Exchange Student to Ling Nam University, Canton, China, and University of Philippines.
- 1938 National Public Policy Summer School - Madison, Wisconsin.
- 1956 Honorary member of Castle Rock, Washington, FFA Chapter.
- 1957 Conservation Leadership award, Cowlitz Co., Washington Soil Conservation District.
- 1958-60 Active member of Board of Directors, Longview, Washington YMCA.
- 1961 Initiated 4-H Entomology field tour to O.S.U., Corvallis, Oregon, for outstanding winners in Entomology for Oregon, Washington and Nevada.
- 1963 Educational Rural Development tour award of T.V.A. Project.
- 1964-67 Leader in Cooperative U.S.F.A. Nursery and WSU outlying testing of forestry nursery soils which enabled WSU to determine soil test values of conifers.
- 1966 Soils Short Course - Summer 1966 - WSU, Pullman, Washington.
- 1969-75 Organized Mid-Columbia member forest cooperative and provided leadership in growing and distributing annually 180,000 adapted Mid-Columbia conifer seedlings.
- 1970 Mid-Columbia Woodland Area Extension leadership program feature story in National Forestry Journal.
- 197-75 Identified, inventoried and initiated Mid-Columbia Elite Douglas Fir and Grand Fir Christmas tree improvement program.
- 1971 NACA winner of best single picture news story, identifying needed huckleberry research, WSU-USFS.
- 1971 Co-originator of Short Course on the Columbia

- 1973 Runner-up in Washington State DNR community leadership in developing a tree planting program.
- 1974 Outstanding conservation leadership award by Underwood Soil Conservation District.
- 1968-75 Outlying testing of Christmas tree seed sources; identified outstanding performance of Leavenworth and Chelan Douglas Fir seed cones (Washington).
- 1975 Provided leadership that led to establishment of greatly needed commercial forest nursery in the Mid-Columbia area of Washington and Oregon.
- 1976 Distinguished Service Award from Washington State Extension Service Agents; awarded at National Association of County Extension Agents, Richmond, Virginia.
- 1977 Citation award for service to 4-H.
- 1979-86 Washington Columbia River Gorge Commissioner.